

Dear Planning and Development Committee

I urge you to vote against House Bill 5429 which takes local control away from municipalities. It is my belief that having officials make decisions on housing based on access to mass transportation would negatively impact my community. Greenwich has been my home since 1996, and I am aware of the limitations that current infrastructure play in the expansion of housing. We already have flooding, power outages, and overburdened sewers which sometimes run into Long Island Sound causing beach closings. I don't want to imagine the traffic impact on our two lane streets, or the disruption and probable use of eminent domain to obtain land for widening the roads. Neighboring Stamford has a lot of vertical housing and the traffic there, with wider roads, and it is not something to aspire to.

Vertical Expansion land use would need to be studied carefully by engineers and LOCAL town planners, as well as wet land experts. Greenwich is a coastal community, as are many of the other towns who would be impacted by HB5429. You should be taking into account the impact that increase run-off would have on the near-by wetlands and the life in Long Island Sound.

This project would not really cause less energy use, since there are ample parking spots for every apartment. The affordable housing percentage is not enough to cause compassion for the developers. Although there are many words to imply that it is a good law, I do not agree and hope that you will vote against it.

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